

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 17, 18, 23 and 24. Claims 1-16, 21-22 and 25 were previously cancelled.

1. (Cancelled)

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16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A system to propel an air powered boat comprising:

- a. means for propelling the air boat in [any] every one of a forward, reverse and at least one neutral turning direction having an engine powering a propeller in a single rotational direction,  
said engine is an internal combustion engine,  
said means for propelling includes means for rotating the propeller about a transverse horizontal axis from a first position in which the propeller produces a thrust to move the boat forward through a second position in which the propeller produces a downward neutral thrust to a third position in which the propeller produces a thrust to move the boat in reverse;
- b. means for securing the means for propelling to the air powered boat; and
- c. further comprising a fuel system with a fuel reservoir supported on [the] a frame at an elevation above the internal combustion engine so that the fuel can be feed to the engine by gravity.

18. (Currently Amended) A system to propel an air powered boat comprising:

- a. means for propelling the air boat in [any] every one of a forward, reverse and at least one neutral turning direction having an engine powering a propeller in a single rotational direction,  
said engine is an internal combustion engine,  
said means for propelling includes means for rotating the propeller about a transverse horizontal axis from a first position in which the propeller produces a thrust to move the boat forward through a second position in which the propeller produces a downward neutral thrust to a third position in

- which the propeller produces a thrust to move the boat in reverse;
- b. means for securing the means for propelling to the air powered boat; and
  - c. further comprising a fuel system with a fuel reservoir supported on [the] a frame at an elevation above the transverse horizontal axis so that the fuel can be feed to the engine by gravity.

19. (Original) The system to propel an air powered boat of claim 18, wherein the fuel system further comprises a flexible fuel line between the fuel reservoir and the engine.

20. (Original) The system to propel an air powered boat of claim 19, wherein the means for propelling includes means for rotating the engine with the propeller about the transverse horizontal axis and wherein the flexible fuel line is adapted for use as the engine is rotated about said transverse horizontal axis.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A system to propel an air powered boat comprising:

- a. means for propelling the air boat in [any] every one of a forward, reverse and at least one neutral turning direction having an engine powering a propeller in a single rotational direction wherein the means for propelling includes means for rotating the propeller about a transverse horizontal axis from a first position in which the axis of the propeller is disposed horizontally to produce a thrust to move the boat forward through a second position in which the propeller produces a neutral [torque turning] thrust turning torque to a third position in which the axis of the propeller is disposed horizontally to produce a thrust to move the boat in reverse to a fourth position in

which the propeller produces a neutral thrust turning torque, [

i. ]wherein the [means for propelling includes means for rotating the propeller about a transverse horizontal axis from a first position in which the propeller produces a thrust to move the boat forward to a] second position [in which the propeller] produces a downward neutral thrust turning torque which turns the boat to the left [to a third position in which the propeller produces a thrust to move the boat in reverse] and [to a] the fourth position [in which the propeller] produces an upward neutral thrust turning torque which turns the boat to the right; and[; and]

b. means for securing the means for propelling to the air powered boat.

24. (Currently Amended) A system to propel an air powered boat comprising:

a . means for propelling the air boat in every one of a forward, reverse and at least one neutral turning direction having an engine powering a propeller in a single rotational direction, wherein the means for propelling includes means for rotating the propeller about a transverse horizontal axis from a first position in which the axis of the propeller is disposed horizontally to produce a thrust to move the boat forward through a second position in which the propeller produces a neutral [torque turning] thrust turning torque to a third position in which the axis of the propeller is disposed horizontally to produce a thrust to move the boat in reverse; and

b. means for securing the means for propelling to the air powered boat, wherein the direction of thrust from the propeller can be rotated through a

360 degree arc as the propeller is rotated about the horizontal axis to propel the air powered boat in every one of a forward direction, a neutral left thrust turning direction, a reverse direction, and a neutral right thrust turning direction.

25. (Cancelled)